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REPLY BRIEF

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In response to the Examiner's Answer dated May 9, 2005,
applicant submits the present Reply Brief.

Müller teaches a continuous transfer of printed products

from a small chain 2 onto a wider double chain 3 with two parallel chain strands, whereby the small chain 2 never runs above the wide double chain 3 but instead, after the transfer position between the chain strands of the double chain 3, the small chain 2 descends in order to exit the transport region of the double chain.

Even if one gives a broad interpretation to "above", this attribute is not suggested by either of the chains of Müller. Müller requires a flush upper edge of the chains in the transfer area in order to avoid disturbances in the transport.

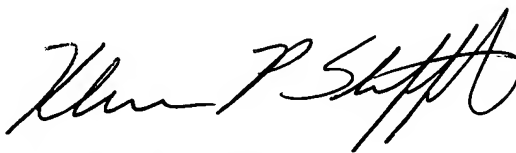
Thus, there is no teaching by Müller of a support above the conveying device, as in the present invention.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections are in error and should be overturned.

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